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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-33 (Cancelled).

34. (Currently amended) A substance transfer device for simultaneously dispensing

substances into and removing substances from two or more receptacles, said substance transfer

device comprising:

(a) a support member;

(b) a substance dispensing apparatus operatively mounted to said support member

and including two or more conduits, said substance dispensing apparatus being constructed and

arranged to simultaneously dispense substance through each of said two or more conduits of said

substance dispensing apparatus into each receptacle of a first set of two or more receptacles;

(c) a substance removing apparatus operatively mounted to said support member

and including two or more conduits, said substance removing structure being constructed and

arranged to simultaneously remove substance through each of said conduits of said substance

removing apparatus from each receptacle of a second set of two or more receptacles,

wherein said substance transfer device is constructed and arranged to remove

substance from each of the receptacles of the second set with said substance removing apparatus

at about the same time said substance dispensing apparatus is dispensing substance into each

of the receptacles of the first set.

35. (Currently amended) The substance transfer device of claim 34 38, further said

handle structure comprising a pair of handle members operatively mounted to said support member

to facilitate handling of said substance transfer device by a user.

36. (Currently amended) The substance transfer device of claim 34, wherein a portion

of each of said conduits of said substance removing apparatus defines a contamination limiting

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element engaging structure constructed and arranged to operatively engage a contamination

limiting element for limiting contact between said substance removing apparatus and a potentially

contaminating substance removed by said substance removing apparatus from the two or more

receptacles of the second set.

37. (Original) The substance transfer device of claim 36, further comprising a

contamination limiting element disengaging structure operatively associated with said substance

removing apparatus and constructed and arranged to selectively disengage each of the

contamination limiting elements engaged by said contamination limiting element engaging

structures.

38. (New) The substance transfer device of claim 34, further comprising handle structure

mounted to said support member and adapted to permit manual manipulation of said substance

transfer device.

39. (New) The substance transfer device of claim 34, further comprising positioning

structure mounted to said support member and constructed and arranged to engage a portion of

a structure supporting the receptacles of the first and second sets of receptacles to position said

substance dispensing apparatus for dispensing substance into the receptacles of the first set and

to simultaneously position said substance removing apparatus for removing substance from the

receptacles of the second set.

40. (New) The substance transfer device of claim 38, further comprising positioning

structure mounted to said support member and constructed and arranged to engage a portion of

a structure supporting the receptacles of the first and second sets of receptacles to position said

substance dispensing apparatus for dispensing substance into the receptacles of the first set and

to simultaneously position said substance removing apparatus for removing substance from the

receptacles of the second set.

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